POLO PLAYERS ARE READY

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visited Newport. A cup had been put up by the Westchester Polo Club of Newport for the best of three games. In the inaugural series American rules were to govern, but in subsequent challenges the rules of the country holding the trophy were to prevail. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., W. K. Thorn, A. Belmont and Foxhall P. Keene represented the Westchester Club. The Hurlingham team won in two games and the cup has ever since adorned its sideboard.

Fourteen years passed before there was another match for the cup. Foxhall P. Keene, W. and L. McCreery and F. J. Mackey challenged in 1900 on their own hook. Only one match was played, the English team-John Watson, Capt J. G. Beresford, F. M. Freake and W. S. Buckmaster-winning by 8 goals to 2. In 1902 a team representing the American Polo Association made a good fight for the trophy. Foxhall P. Keene was captain and the four others who played We rise earlier than the last generation. in one or more of the three matches were J. E. Cowdin, R. L. Agassiz and the two

G. A. Miller was unable to play in the first match and the Americans beat the English team, C. Nickalls, P. W. Nickalls, S. Buckmaster and C. D. Miller, by 2 goals to 1. The second match was won the Hurlingham quartette, C. P. Nickals. F. M. Freake, G. A. Miller and W. S. Buckmaster, 6 goals to 1. In the rubber match P. W. Nickalls played instead of Freake, and the Americans were beaten

In this country the polo players have been active throughout the winter in South Carolina, Florida, New Orleans and in southern California. An English team and a team from Philadelphia gave an unusual interest to the games at the Coronado Country Club, although the home players made the best showing. The summer season of tournaments is now impending and the hoofbeats of the ponies are resounding in practice matches at all the country clubs. Another sign is that the dealers are on from Texas, Montana and Wyoming with their strings of ponies.

dealers are on from Texas, Montana and Wyoming with their strings of ponies. They will follow the players from field to field until all the ponies are sold. The ponies each season seem a handier lot, and as prices do not advance materially there is little excuse for a clubman not having a choice of reliable mounts. The first tournament will be at the Country Club of Westchester May 17 to 22. It is an annual affair, the cups being individual prizes, to be won outright. The Meadow Brook second team—J. S. Phipps, Howard Phipps, H. C. Phipps and Paul J. Rainev—won the tournament last season by defeating in succession the teams from Rainey—won the tournament last some by defeating in succession the teams from the Country Club. The Squadron A and the Country Club. The field is good, always firm turf that is

safe for galloping.

It is most picturesque in location, being on the shores of the Sound, and the players on the shores of the Sound, and the players usually come to the games on their steam yachts. They dress for the game on the yachts and after landing are all ready to jump on a pony and to begin hitting at the ball. After the Country Club tournament the next date will be at Van Cortlandt Park, May 24 to 29, under the auspices of Squadron A Polo Club. It is the first time that the mounted militia have claimed an early date for their polo tournament and it is thought the entry will be larger than in the fall.

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There are thirty-one clubs now listed with the Polo Association, not including the Army Club of West Point that represents about two hundred players in the service. There will be no lack of attractions for them in the tournament way. Besides the two mentioned there have been dates allotted to fourteen tournaments in this order:

Devon. Pa., Polo Club, May 27-29; Great Neck, V. Polo Club, May 31-June 5; Bryn Mawr, Pa., Polo Club, May 31-June 5; Bryn Mawr, Pa., Polo Club, June 7-12; Philadelphia Country Club, June 14-19; Meadow Brook, N. Y., Club, June 14-30; Rockaway, N. Y., Club, July 1-17; Rumson, N. J. Polo Club, July 17-24; Southampton, N. Y., Asociation, July 26-31; Polint Judith, R. L. Country Club, August 2-14; Saratoga, N. Y., Polo Club, Jury Club, August 16-28; Buralo, N. Y., Club, September 16-18; May 18-18; Mass., Club, September 6-18 May 18-18; Mass., Club, September 6-18 May 18-18; May 18-

Myenia, Mass. Club, September 6-18.

The championships will be the culminating contests of the season and they will be held at the Point Judith Country Club, Narragansett Pier. This is one of the best appointed fields in the country and its proximity to the fashionable resorts mean that there is always'a throng of onlookers. The last championship at Narragansett Pier was in 1904, when Myenia won the Astor gold cup, the trophy in the senior contest, defeating the Bryn Mawr team by 14 goals to 1½. As Bryn Mawr team by 14 goals to 1½. As Bryn Mawr had won the championship in 1903 the reversal was utterly unsupersorded. In the junior championship for the Warren cup the Rockaway team—W. A. Hazard. D. Chauncey, Jr., R. La Montagne and P. F. Collier—won from the Bryn Mawr second team by 14 goals to 9½.

It is the constant endeavor of the Polo Association committee, of which H. L. Herbert is chairman and W. A. Hazard Scretary, to curb roughuses in the play and to put a premium on clever horsemanship. In arranging for the 1909 season it has been ruled that in match games between teams of four there shall be ten periods of six minutes each. In match games between teams of three there shall be seven periods of six minutes each and in games between pairs there shall be five periods of six minutes each. The opponents may by agreement change the time of the periods or the number. Three minutes shall be allowed between all periods for change of ponies except at the end of the fifth period—half time—when seven minutes shall be allowed.

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H. P. Whitney, who captains the team, is very familiar with the field, for he has gone abroad for some seasons for the grouse shooting and has paid close attention to the polo. This year he has a racing stable in England and his party willenjoy a variety of sports. The others of the team, J. M. Waterbury, Jr.; L. Waterbury and Devereaux Milburn have all played the game at Hurlingham and understand the careful English polo as well as they do the more reckless American method of offside play.

What substitutes Capt. Whitney may rall upon is not known as yet. A fast string of ponies has been on the other side for two months, the pick of American bred stock and a couple of thoroughbred ponies Capt. Whitney has been using as trial horses, bought originally in England.

International polo has a short history, although it includes twenty years. In 1888 a Hurlingham team, made up of John Watson, Capt. Thomas Hone, Hon. T. R. Lawley and Capt. Malcolm Little, visited Newport. A cup had been put the stable was the wastchester Polo Club of Newstrand the same to the keeper of the soure at the first opportunity or at the end of should declare them without waiting for them to be claimed and should report the same to the keeper of the soure at the first opportunity or at the end of should and should report the same to the keeper of the soure at the first opportunity or at the end of should declare them withould waiting for them to be claimed and should report the same to the keeper of the soure at the first opportunity or at the end of the profer the first opportunity or at the end of the profer the first opportunity or at the end of the profer the first opportunity or at the end of the profer the first opportunity or at the end of the profer the same to the keeper of the sour at the first opportunity or at the end of the profer at the first opportunity or at the end of the profer at the first opportunity of the part of the priod. The referee must the baller, recoking a mallet when not on the same stde of the player, crooking

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat. A Madras physician was buying muslin for turban in a department store. "None of this is fine enough," he said. "In the turban I have on there are forty yards. But forty yards of this would give me a head like a Saratoga trunk.

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